

Proclamation

WHEREAS: the concept of having a police force has evolved throughout history from being part-time and privately funded, to the first full-time publicly funded American police force in Boston in 1838; and

WHEREAS: by the late 1880s, all major cities had police forces to protect public order; and

WHEREAS: there are now more than 800,000 law enforcement officers in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Biscayne Park boasts its own police force employing ten (10) full-time officers, five (5) part-time officers, twenty-six (26) reserve officers, and 3 administrative officers which include two (2) commanders and a police chief who collectively make our Village one of the safest communities in South Florida; and

WHEREAS: police officers from other South Florida communities call Biscayne Park their home; and

WHEREAS: National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, also known as L.E.A.D., has been observed on January 9th since 2015, and those who observe the day spend it thanking police officers for the daily sacrifices they make for their communities; and

WHEREAS: turning on blue lights at homes is recognized across the country as a sign of support for L.E.A.D.; and

WHEREAS: L.E.A.D. demonstrates that communities recognize the difficulty of police work and they support police as they provide a critical public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that, I, Virginia O'Halpin, Mayor of the Village of Biscayne Park, Florida, joined by the entire Commission, do hereby proclaim January 9, 2021, as

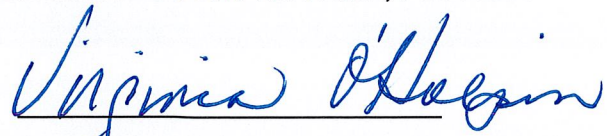
Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

and call upon the residents of Biscayne Park to pay special tribute to our local police force by putting blue lights outside their homes, signs of support for first responders, and by personally thanking our officers on duty.



Dated this 5th day of January 2021

VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA


Mayor Virginia O'Halpin